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Visiting Scientist Praises Physics Program, Building

Says Undergraduate Program Is Now "Very Adequate"

The fruits of seven years of intensive work in upgrading the physics offering at Northwestern have become evident this year in the form of an evaluative report by a representative of the Visiting Scientists Program in Physics.

The report, based on an evaluation visit in November, states that NSC's undergraduate physics program is now "very adequate" for future physicists.

Dr. Howard Carr, who made the evaluation of Northwestern, also noted that the morale of the physics professors is high, and "it is apparent that the three physics staff members were all good teachers."

He also noted that the physical facilities now being remodeled are "commodious for the teaching of the undergraduate and graduate program, but there is a shortage of space for much research work. It appears they will fill the shortage as their research program grows."

The current program in physics grew out of recommendations made by Dr. Mark W. Zamansky in a similar, but less favorable, evaluation of the physics program in 1958.

In praising the offerings for future physicists, Dr. Carr noted that "in the next few years a good M.S. program can be established." He said that a basic core offering in theoretical physics, electricity and magnetism, and quantum mechanics could be given at the M.S. level by the "well prepared" staff. He also observed that staff members could offer other graduate-level courses in their specialities.

At present, physics students at the graduate level can earn the M.S. in Mathematics, with course work about equally divided between physics and math.

MISS PAT PACE, of Leesville, 1965 Lady of the Bracelet beauty, provides an "assist" in wishing all alumni a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Yuletide Greetings to All Alumni

Christmas, more than any time of the year, is the season in which our memory flips the pages of time backward and not toward the future. Thoughts of our friends of many years ago are numerous, and if we stop just a moment and search this memory, we will find that the great, great majority of our friends of today are those whose friendship we gained during our college days. It is with this thought that I am most happy to have this opportunity for Betty, our six children and me to wish for all of You the finer things this life has to offer..

As we enjoy this most Christian of holidays, let's not forget the true meaning of the word CHRISTmas. Let us be grateful that our Country is free, Christian and full of opportunity. Let us be grateful that our children have the brightest future of any children in the entire world. Let us be grateful our family will be well fed and warmly clothed. Let us be grateful that we do, truly understand what CHRISTmas really means.

W. Clay Scott

Mayor, City of Natchitoches
President,
NSC Alumni Association

To NSC Alumni and Friends:

The season of seasons is here again. It is the wish of all of us on our old Hill that the words MERRY CHRISTMAS! may be filled with cheer for you.

May they remind you that the sons and daughters of Northwestern State College are a very special family and that family ties reach a climax of fine meaning on Christmas day.

Sincerely,

John S. Kyser

President

Flight Training Program Begins For ROTC Unit

A flight training program was initiated Monday, Nov. 29, for members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Northwestern is one of 25 schools participating in such a program in a five state area.

To qualify for flight training, students must have attained junior standing or have completed their ROTC requirements. They must also be able to pass a flight physical and have a satisfactory academic standing.

Upon completing flight training and baccalaureate requirements, the cadets will receive a civilian pilot license from the Federal Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala. As pilots, they are obligated to a minimum of three years active duty.

Five students are participating in the program at Northwestern. They are Bill Ayers, Ralph McRae, James Phifer, Gary Stahlhuth, and Harold Swilley.

Northwest Rally Group Plans Spring Program, Elects New Officers

Members of the Northwest Louisiana High School Rally elected officers, set a date for the annual Scholastic Achievement Rally, and added two test areas to the program at a meeting recently at Northwestern State College.

Eugene F. Lowe, principal of Winnfield junior high school, was re-elected chairman and Clinton Jackson, Coushatta high school principal, was named vice chairman to succeed Hoyt J. Reed of Marthaville. Other officers are Joe W. Webb, director of rallies, and Jack Clayton, secretary.

The annual Scholastic Achievement Rally was scheduled for April 1 at the college and tests in World Geography and Home Economics were added. Dates of other Rally events are to be announced later.

Named to the Executive Committee were Don Winn of Marthaville and Douglas McLaren of Mansfield.

Alumni Here and There

Mr. and Mrs Victor Williams, who reside in Houston, have a 17-month-old daughter, Frances. Mrs. Williams, the former Sue Bennett Pearce, graduated with a BS degree in nursing in the summer of 1960.

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Alex. M. Greene, '11, a recent visitor to the Alumni Office, is living in Texarkana, Tex. He is pharmacist for the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Hospital. Prior to receiving his degree in pharmacy he taught school for two years in Ludington, La., and two years at Cheneyville.

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C J Eliser, BS '52, personnel director for American Oil Company in the New York office, visited in Natchitoches recently.

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Miss Ethel Palmer, '17, has retired from teaching in Texas and Louisiana schools for a number of years. Her home is now in Hornbeck

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Steve Slaughter '64, of Vowell's Mill, is a salesman for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company with Shreveport as his headquarters.

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Mrs. Roy Little, nee Mary Ellen Francis, BA '65, plans to get a teaching position in or near Monroe while her husband is overseas. They now reside in Columbus, Ga

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Bert Wiggins, BS '65, is employed by Tennessee Gas Co., in Winchester, Ky., as an engineer. His wife, the former Barbara Bright, BA '63, is a substitute teacher in the Winchester schools.

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Jerald Freeman, BS '65, has accepted a job with Michaud Chrysler Space Division (NASA) in New Orleans, as a quality control engineer His wife, the former Pat Walker, BS '63, has been employed as assistant home demonstration agent in Natchitoches parish. The Freemans will move to New Orleans in the near future

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Frances Nelle Erwin, BS '64, after serving an internship in dietetics and institutional management at Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie, N Y, has accepted a position with the Craig Colony and Hospital in Sonyea, N Y, as dietitian Her mother, the former Frances Nell Avery, received her degree in home economics in the summer of 1931

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John L Harvill, BS '62, MS '63, (with honors), after teaching mathematics at Tyler Junior College for two years, has accepted a position in mathematics at Lamar Tech in Beaumont. His wife, formerly Dorothy L. Vines received a BA degree at NSC in 1962

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Miss Benni Sue Johnson, BS '65, is presently employed at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock, Department of Psychiatry.

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The following NSC graduates are teaching at LSU of Alexandria this year: Mrs. Sumpter Daniel, BS '58, instructor in nursing; Joe B. Hassell, MS '65, instructor in speech and English; and Ray Walding, MS '65, instructor in mathematics.

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Mrs. Anna P. Knoll the former Anna Powell of Natchitoches, BS '50, now living in Arcadia, Calif., attended Homecoming with her family.

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Robert Harrison, BS '58, will receive a PhD degree at the University of Arkansas in January, 1966. Robert is married to the former Sarah Cutrer, BA '53.

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DeWitt (Pee Wee) Patten, a former student at NSC, and now a realtor in Bossier City, has recently been listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Patten is engaged in developing a new Airline Shopping Center in Bossier City.

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Mrs. Katie D. Faraldo, nee Katie Dickson of Coushatta, BS '43, was nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award of the National Association of Extension Home Economists for 1965. Mrs. Faraldo is Grant Parish Home Demonstration Agent.

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William V. Muse, BS '60, is teaching in the College of Business Administration at Ohio University. He left Georgia Tech in September to accept this new position.

Watt, Demons Win GSC Championship in Cross-Country

Northwestern's cross - country team ran true to form in Lake Charles Dec. 4 and won the Gulf States Conference championship.

The Demon harriers, second in the league last season, went into the race as the favorite and took the title by placing runners first, second, ninth, 11th and 16th.

Coach Slim Howell's Purple and White outfit had 39 points to 49 for second-place Southwestern. Northeast was third with 82, McNeese fourth with 88, Southeastern fifth with 96 and Louisiana Tech last with 134.

As expected Northwestern's brilliant Eddie Watt took the top individual honor, covering the three-mile course in a swift 13:52. He has been the Demons' sparkplug all season.

Northwestern Paul Trueman took second place with a 14:02 clocking. Both Watt and Trueman were timed at 4:28 after the first mile.

Tony Ward was ninth for the Demons, Bob Dufalo 11th and Tim Poston 16th.

Thirty-nine runners were entered in the meet at McNeese.

Six Demons On All-GSC

Northwestern placed six men on the 1965 Coaches All-Gulf States Conference football team.

Two of the Demons were selected to the first team and four others to the second unit.

Safety Al Dodd was chosen to the defensive first team, and end Dick Reding landed a spot on the first offensive team.

Guard Lawrence Nugent was on the second defensive unit, and flanker James Aymond, guard Eddie Mittelbronn and tackle Ross Gwinn captured second team offensive berths.

STEVE DWAYNE DURAND, age 13 months, is the son of Clarence and Ann Conn Durand. Clarence, (BS '64, with honors) is a candidate for a master's degree in mathematics, while Ann is a senior education major, scheduled to finish next summer.

ALLISON HOLLOWAY, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Holloway (Theodora Croom) both of the class of 1960, was born Aug. 13. Vance is a system analyst with the National Cash Register Co. in Oklahoma City.

Laurance B Schauf, BA '62 accompanied other Jaycees in representing the Houma-Terrebonne Chapter of the Louisiana Jaycees on a good will tour to the Republic of Guatemala in April, 1965. Laurance is employed by the Terrebonne Parish School Board as sixth grade teacher at Grand Caillou.

These are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Axtle of Sulphur. Left to right, they are: James Brian, 6; Karen Ann, 4½; and Douglas Wayne, 20 months. Mrs. Axtle is the former Gwendolyn Bridges, and Ralph, BA '58, received his MEd. from Northwestern this past summer.

ook Who's Here

Dr. and Mrs. Roy A. Cook Iary Alice Barber) '49, an- unce the arrival of Edward uston Cook on Sept. 13. He eighed 7 lb. 3 oz., and is the opted grandson of Miss Minnie e Odom, long-time member of e home economics department the College.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Hill, '63, nounce the arrival of a new n, Don Scott. He was born pt. 17, and he weighed 8 lb. oz.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Crane, ynda Williams, '61) are the rents of a baby girl, Julie Kay, rn Oct. 9, weighing 7 lbs., 1 . Julie has a big brother, Lynn, o is 3 years old.

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Robert H. Day, '62, and Nelia aw Day, '63, announce the rth of a second daughter. Little mee Frances Day was born t. 6, and weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. e joins her sister Elizabeth bin 18 months old. Robert is esently teaching at Jena High hool, and Nelia is employed at e Golden Age Nursing Home in na.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren Helluin eona Simpson, '60) announce e birth of their daughter, lizabeth Ann. The young lady rived Aug. 12, and weighed 6 s., 9½ oz.

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Captain ('57) and Mrs. Lamy Chopin (Nadine Wilson, '58) nounce the arrival of their xth child, Mary Michael. She rived Oct. 31, weighing 7 lbs., ½ oz., in Germany, where Capt. hopin is serving a tour of duty Rhein-Main AFB.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kent Willough- y, BS and BA, '63, respectively, nounce the birth of Suzanne arie. She arrived Nov. 17 and eighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. Kent is ssistant football coach at Ter- bonne High, and Mrs. Willough- y is the former Martha Cotten.

In Memoriam

Miss Jessie S. Greene of atchitoches, 2-yr. graduate, 1906, assed away at the Natchitoches arish General Hospital Nov. 26, 965. Sympathy is extended to e family.

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These are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Landry: Rudy Lin, Jr., age 7; Stevie, age 5; and Brian, age 5. Rudy, '57, is enrolled in graduate school as an assistant in the Athletic Department, and is on leave from Calcasieu Parish where he has taught and coached for eight years, the last five of which he was head coach at Marion High School. Mrs. Landry is the former Mary Carroll (2 yr. secretarial science, '56.)

Cupids Doings

On July 24, Floyd Robert Coby and his bride, the former Miss MADELINE ELIZABETH DELK, BA '63, were wed in Parkview Baptist Church in Alexandria. The newlyweds reside at 2007 Hill Street in that city.

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Miss JUDITH ELAINE YOUNG, BA '65, and Robert William Ahearn were married Aug. 14 in the St. Theresa Catholic Church of Shreveport. Mr. and Mrs. Ahearn spent their honeymoon in Mexico City and Acapulco. The couple now reside in Shreveport.

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In an August wedding in Hammond, Miss Miriam Dahmer and WAYNE E. SUMMERS, MA '64, were married. Mr. Summers is now teaching at East Jefferson high school.

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JAMES LARRY HOLLY, BA '65, claimed Miss CAROLYN ANN BELLUE, BA '65, as his bride in the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge. Mr. and Mrs. Holly are now making their home in Golden Meadow.

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A quiet ceremony in the home of the bride's parents last summer united in marriage Miss DOROTHY LOUISA TREVEN-EN, BA '63, and James Ray Temple. After a honeymoon in Houston, Tex., the couple returned to Shreveport to make their home.

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Wedding vows were exchanged in Leesville, July 10, by Miss ROSE ANN ALLEY, BA '62, and Max Roy Voge. They are now residing in Lake Charles.

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Miss JUNE ELLEN MOORE, '63, received her MS in nursing from the University of Colorado in August, 1965, and in September married Donald Foiani in Mermentau, her home town. They now reside in Denver.

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Marriage vows were exchanged by Miss DOROTHY LUCILE HART, BA '65, and Lynn Duane Blackwell Aug. 15, in the Westlake Methodist Church. The newlyweds enjoyed an auto trip to Colorado before returning to Monroe to live.

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August 15, in the First Presbyterian Church of Winnfield, Miss MARY VIRGINIA GANDY, BS '61, and Kenneth R. Royston, BA '51, MA '62, were wed. They live in Houma, where both teach in Houma Junior High School.

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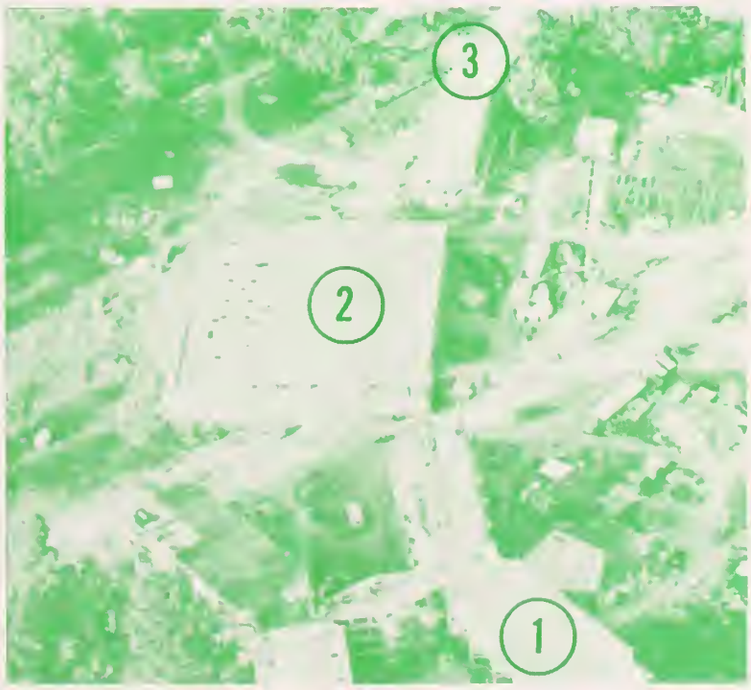
Miss PATRICIA GAIL FLETCHER, BS '64, became the bride of Kenneth Earl Coulon in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches Sept. 18. The young couple will reside in Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. Coulon is a senior at Georgia Tech and Mrs. Coulon is a teacher in the Fulton County school system.

Library Receives Gift

A valuable gift of books was recently made to Russell Library by Daniel McCook, of Darien, Connecticut. Mr. McCook is the son of the late J. W. McCook and Mrs. Lillian G. McCook of Natchitoches, who recently passed away.

The volumes received by the library are the **American Camellia Yearbook**, 1953 through 1961; and the American Camellia Quarterly, 1953 through 1959.

These items have been particularly desired for the use of the Biology Department. Mrs. McCook was formerly a member of the college faculty, having taught at one time in the Music Department.



GOING UP! Pictured are three new buildings under construction on the campus. They are, from bottom to top, (1) women's dormitory, (2) dining hall, and (3) men's dormitory. Not pictured is the new Student Union which is also being constructed across the street and a short distance away.

Cagers Await GSC Action After 4 Opening Contests

With four non-league games behind them, the Northwestern basketballers dive into their Gulf States Conference schedule Dec. 17 with a clash against Southeastern at Prather Coliseum.

The Lions, one of the top teams in the circuit, will be sparked by their sophomore standout, C. A. Core.

Coach Tynes Hildebrand's Demons, improving with every game, are battling this season to improve on last year's 9-17 record and to finish higher than the fifth place assigned them in preseason polls.

Hildebrand has put teeth into the Demon defensive setup and has installed a continuous movement offense that becomes more polished with each outing.

The Demons opened the season Nov. 22 and 23 with a pair of clashes against the always-tough Southeastern Oklahoma Savages of Coach Bloomer Sullivan.

Northwestern operated in a stout zone defense and outplayed the ball-hawking Savages both nights, 40-36 and 65-62.

One of the bright spots in the Demon camp this year is the way freshman post man James Wyatt of Belmont stepped into the starting lineup and managed to hold his own against more experienced foes.

Wyatt dumped in 17 points in the second game against the Oklahomas and rebounded with authority.

David Clark was hampered in the first two games but the All-GSC forward showed his ability in the Demons' third game against Oglethorpe.

Northwestern, playing in the confines of Oglethorpe University Field House in Atlanta, led the Petrels down to the wire but long set shots by the Georgians late in the game beat the Demons 65-61.

Hildebrand has his Purple and White cagers fighting for rebounds and taking only the good shots, and the conservative basketball will probably begin to pay off when the young Demons have had more experience.

Guards Kenny Arthur and Lester Lee, returners from last season, have shown great improvement and could develop into a couple of the best backcourt men in the league.

Joining Clark at forward this season has been Billy Ray and Jerry McLaurin. Both have performed capably. Frank Bainer and Wayne Lee have done a good job as top Demon reserves.

Following the Dec. 17 clash with Southeastern, the locals play host to Spring Hill College Dec. 20 before the Christmas holiday break.

DEMONS HONORED at the Northwestern football banquet Dec. 1 were, from left, Eddie Mittelbronn, best offensive lineman; Dick Reding, most valuable player and best offensive lineman; James Aymond, best offensive back; Herbert Adams, best defensive lineman; Neal Prather, scholastic award; Al Dodd, most valuable player and best defensive back; Claude Patrick, permanent team captain and Donald Guidry, coaches award.

Gridders End Season With Record of 5-4

Northwestern's football team went into its game with Southeastern in Hammond Nov. 20, with a winning season riding on the outcome. The Demons were 4-4 going into the clash.

Scoring two quick touchdowns in the first quarter Northwestern jumped out front and was never behind the rest of the game. The Demons rolled to a 38-22 win over the heavily-favored Lions and completed their first winning season since the 1962 championship team.

After four straight victories over Louisiana College, Northeast, Pensacola Navy and Quachita Baptist, Northwestern ran into rugged opposition and dropped the next four to Louisiana Tech, Martin, Tenn., McNeese and Southwestern.

But, behind the brilliant passing of freshman quarterback Donald Guidry and the running of senior flanker James Aymond, the Demons salvaged the season with their stunning upset over Southeastern.

Aymond captured the team rushing title for the second straight year, gaining 382 yards on 48 carries for an 8.0 average. Gary Pittman was second in rushing with 265 yards on 65 carries for a 4.1 mark.

Guidry set a Northwestern passing record, tossing 10 touchdown aerials and completing 58 of 116 passes for 799 yards.

Another school record was shattered in the pass receiving department. Dick Reding hauled in 27 passes for 477 yards and four touchdowns. Louis Richard was second in receiving with 16 snags for 218 yards.

Wayne Walker, the big senior kicking specialist from Bossier City, was the Demons' leading scorer with 39 points on 21 extra points and six field goals. He also posted a 42.6 punting average.

Al Dodd, the speedy Demon safety man, tied his own pass interception mark with nine steals for 198 yards and a touchdown. He also ran back 24 punts for 309 yards and a 12.9 average and 14 kickoffs for 274 yards and a 19.6 mark.

Northwestern scored 22 touchdowns this season to 27 for the opponents. The Demons rolled up 171 points in their nine games for a 19 point average but gave up 189 for a 21 point mark.

Freshmen Begin Schedule

The Northwestern freshman basketball team opened its 12-game schedule with games against McNeese and East Texas Baptist College this week.

Next on the frosh slate is a Jan. 3 clash with Louisiana Tech at Ruston before the varsity tilt.

The remainder of the schedule:

Jan. 6—Centenary, there; Jan. 15—McNeese, here; Jan. 28—McNeese there; Feb. 1—Northeast, here; Feb. 8—Louisiana Tech, here; Feb. 15—East Texas Baptist, here; Feb. 18—Centenary, there; Feb. 21—NSC Intramural Finals, here; Feb. 26—Northeast, there.

Pros Select Three Demon Footballers

Monte Ledbetter, 6-1, 180-pour Northwestern end, has signed contract with the Clevelar Browns of the National Footba League.

Ledbetter, whose blinding spe made him a pass receivir threat for the Demons this se son, was drafted in the 11 round by the Browns in the NF action.

He was also an 11th rour choice of the Houston Oilers the American Football League.

Other Demons named in tl pro drafts were kicking speciali Wayne Walker and end Di Reding.

Walker was listed by the Ka sas City Chiefs of the AFL in tl 13th round, and Reding w drafted by the Washington Re skins in the 11th round of tl NFL action and by Kansas Ci in the sixth round of the AF futures draft. Reding is a juni and will remain at Northweste for another year.

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